

# The Portage Sentinel.

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RAVENNA, OHIO:

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## Democratic State Ticket.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,  
**SHEPARD F. NORRIS,**  
Of Clermont County.  
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
**ALEXANDER P. MILLER,**  
Of Butler County.

## Democratic District Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS,  
**EZRA SPALDING,** of Portage.

## Democratic County Ticket.

PROBATE JUDGE,  
**BENJ. F. HOPKINS,** of Franklin.  
CLERK,  
**HORACE M. CLARK,** of Ravenna.  
AUDITOR,  
**JOSEPH LOOMIS,** of Ravenna.  
SHERIFF,  
**VALENTINE HEYDE,** of Edinburg.  
COMMISSIONER,  
**GEORGE HEATH,** of Nelson.  
DIRECTOR OF COUNTY INFIRMARY,  
**ERASTUS CARTER, Jr.,** of Ravenna.  
CORONER,  
**SETH NORTON,** of Shalersville.

## Democratic Meeting.

A Democratic meeting will be held in township of Streetsborough, in this county, Friday evening, Oct. 6th. Turn out men of all parties.

## Organize! Organize!!

It is time for our democratic friends to be wide awake, and at work to secure the election of the Democratic ticket. Let each man consider himself as in duty bound to do something towards our success. Each township, school district and neighborhood, should be thoroughly organized, and this organization should be attended to immediately. Every democrat can do something towards this object. Let each man spend at least a part of his time, between this and the election, in working for the success of democratic principles and policy. Vigilance is a sure guarantee of success.

## Vote the Whole Ticket.

The Democratic party is worth preserving—the interests of the Country are worth preserving. They have been subserved by Democratic measures and policy in time past, so they will be subserved by Democratic policy in future. But in order to accomplish this, the usages of the party must be kept up. Every voter who has Democratic blood in his veins should forget all personal considerations and vote an unscrupulous ticket! Let our motto be "the ticket the whole ticket and nothing but the Democratic ticket." Listen not to the words of designing men who would love nothing better, than to debase the Democracy from the popular heart. Democrats can never gain anything by barter. Our principles are neither fusible nor negotiable. They cannot be bought or sold. "Stand by them, Democrats! They are honorable, true, honored and eternal!"

## Our Candidates.

It is not an uncommon thing just before election, for our opponents to circulate false and malicious statements in regard to the Democratic candidates. They are doing this now, in different parts of the county and district. We do not think they will be believed in many instances, for the great mass of the Democratic party are too well acquainted with Fusion falsehoods to pay any regard to them.

The candidates are generally known.—They are good men, all of them.

Of Mr. SPALDING we have so frequently spoken, that we need add nothing more at this time. He has already served the people of this county with honor to himself, and satisfaction to them. His honesty, and capacity, have been tried and not found wanting. In political principles he is a firm and reliable Democrat, warmly attached to the constitution, and if elected (as he will be) the cause of equal rights, free homes, and all those great measures tending to develop the resources of the country and advance the interest of our citizens, will find in him a true and faithful representative.

BENJAMIN F. HOPKINS our candidate for Probate Judge, is a man every way fully competent to discharge the duties of that office. He is possessed of sterling integrity, of a sound and discriminating judgment, and has been for the last twenty years familiar with the laws regulating the settlement of estates, and other matters which must frequently come before the Probate Judge. He will discharge the duties of the office with fidelity and ability.

HORACE M. CLARK the candidate for Clerk of the Court, has been for the last three years Deputy Clerk under Mr. SPALDING.—All who have had business in the Clerk's office will bear testimony to his efficiency as an officer. By his three years practice which he has had, he has become much better qualified, than any one can be, who is unacquainted with the business of the office.

JOSEPH LOOMIS the candidate for Auditor, is well known throughout the county. He is a firm and reliable Democrat; as a business man, he is courteous, honest, and faithful. He has the confidence of his fellow citizens of all parties, and will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

VALENTINE HEYDE the candidate for Sheriff, is a man of superior qualifications for the place. Honest and energetic, he will perform the duties of that important office to

in the county. No better choice could have been made.

GEORGE HEATH the candidate for Commissioner, is a gentleman who will ever be found true to the interests of the county. He will make a good officer.

ERASTUS CARTER, is the candidate for Director of the County Infirmary, has already served the people in that capacity for one term. His past faithfulness is a sufficient guarantee that he is honest and capable.

SETH NORTON candidate for Coroner, is a good man, and will not be found wanting in the performance of his official duties.

The candidates upon the ticket, are all of them popular and able men,—men in whom the people of Portage County may repose confidence. They can and will be elected. All that is required of Democrats to secure success, is vigilance and industry. Let no man be idle. Only a few days are left. In this short time, let each township and district be thoroughly organized. Let every man be at work. By this means success will be rendered certain, and our triumph will be an honor, of which Democrats may be proud.

## The Temperance Party and B. F. Leiter.

The Fusion party was the temperance party last fall. They pledged themselves by resolution after resolution, never to vote for a man for any office unless he was in favor of a prohibitory law similar to the "Maine Law." Our readers all remember this, but to show clearly by their own documents what their position was, we give the following extract:

LYMAN W. HALL in exhorting the friends of temperance to persevere in their efforts to carry the election last fall, uses the following language:—"Let meetings be held in every township, let speeches be made, let prayers be uttered, let sermons be preached, let all that good men and devoted women can do in this good cause, be done."—Ohio Star, Sept. 28, 1853.

At a meeting of the Temperance Alliance Oct. 6, 1853, J. S. HERRICK, as Chairman of a committee on resolutions, offered the following which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the true issue before us, is grog or no grog—intemperance or sobriety—Maine Law or no Maine Law, and that we will meet the crisis with a fearless and unflinching purpose," &c.

After the election they still continued to make temperance the issue. Hear Mr. HALL:—"Let the temperance friends stand by their arms. We must again give battle to the monster, and never again give over till the cause of rum is wiped out from our county and the land."—Ohio Star, Oct. 12, 1853.

Again:—"Let freedom and temperance be unalterably inscribed upon our banner."—O. Star, Oct. 19, 1853.

At a mass temperance Convention held in Ravenna, after the election, at which O. P. BROWN and LYMAN W. HALL figured as important characters, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our energies be directed to keep the temperance question before the people, till all are willing to admit the necessity of adopting measures of prohibition similar to those embodied in the "Maine Law."

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as citizens, to make the temperance question the primary question in all our political action, and that hereafter, at all coming elections we will vote for no man, but such as are pledged to the support of a PROHIBITORY LAW, until success shall crown our efforts, and our beloved State is freed from the curse of rum."

This is the position of the fusion party upon the temperance question. Could they have made any stronger pledges! But what has been their course in the present contest! Have they, and are they carrying out these pledges! No. They have violated their pledge—broken their faith, and are now using all their efforts to elect B. F. LEITER to Congress, who is known to be a man notoriously intemperate and abandoned! Dare they deny it! We can overwhelm them with evidence which no man will question:

We give a few items of proof which will be amply sufficient:

The following is the certificate of Hon. J. H. L. SCOTT one of the present representatives of Stark county in the Ohio Legislature. He is well known in Portage as a friend of Education, having taught in Rootstown. He is to be one of the instructors at the coming Teachers' Institute in this place.

NEW BALTIMORE, Stark Co., O., Sept. 26, 1854.

Having been reliably informed that B. F. LEITER is attempting to palm himself off as a "Maine Law Man," very temperate and pious, I hereby certify, that said LEITER has the reputation of being a constant drinker and visitor of groceries and drinking saloons, and I have repeatedly seen him drinking both in Canton and at Columbus—at the latter place he has the reputation of being one of the best judges of liquor in the State!

As to his "piety," I know him to be a most profane swearer, and have seen him GAMBLING at a Jaro bank in Columbus. He told me last spring that he had spent some two hundred dollars by his frequent visits to the capital during the winter; but he did not care for that: He "could make it all up in one night." I did not ask him how, but understood him to mean by gambling.

J. H. L. SCOTT.

We also append the certificate of DANIEL GOTSHALL and D. H. HARMON, Esqrs., members and officers of the organization of "Templers" in Canton.

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, have learned with surprise, that B. F. LEITER, Esq., of Canton, and his friends for him, claim, in their electorizing operations in Portage and Summit counties, that Mr. LEITER is a warm friend of Temperance—a Maine Law man—and never was any thing else. We have been, and are Temperance men, and our surprise arises from the facts, within our knowledge, that Mr. LEITER, always, here at home, ridiculed us on account of our principles, and opposed us, because those principles carried out, would deprive him of one of his strongest and most reliable means of electorizing. In 1851, when the new Constitution of Ohio was before the people for adoption, Mr. B. F. LEITER took the field against the Temperance cause; and in all parts of the county, he proclaimed his adherence to the old license system. During the election campaigns of 1848, 1849 and 1850, when Mr. LEITER was a candidate for a seat in the State Legislature, he not only would give no pledges to favor a more stringent Liquor Law; but scoffed at the friends of the measure for desiring one. During those campaigns, he was, for the position he occupied on that subject, opposed by the Temperance men generally, and by Mr. CHANCE, the "Old Broad-Axe," particularly.

tab," a "Beer Barrel" in the morning, and a Barrel of Beer in the evening." We are credibly informed, and have no doubt of its truth, that last spring, when Mr. LEITER was a candidate for Mayor, he agreed not to hinder the sale of liquor and beer, during the three days of the German Glee Club's festival, one of which days was the Sabbath. In view of all these things, we say we are surprised to learn, that Mr. LEITER claims, in the Counties of Portage and Summit, to be a Maine Law Temperance man, especially when here, where he is at home, all parties have always regarded him, and still regard him, as the opponent of all measures of that kind.

DANIEL GOTSHALL.

P. W. P. and Past Dep. Gr. W. P. D. H. HARMON.

P. W. P. and Past Dep. Gr. W. P. Canton, October 2, 1854.

We have been furnished with additional evidence but the foregoing certificates are sufficient. They need no comment. If Temperance men are honest when they pledge themselves to vote for no one who is not in favor of the Maine law, they will refuse to support Mr. LEITER no matter what their views may be upon other questions.

But it is said that there are some among the Democrats who drink occasionally, and we have no right to charge Fusionists, with abandoning their temperance principles. We have a right to point out the inconsistencies of our opponents at any time. As for the Democratic party it has never made a temperance issue—has never made any pledges upon the subject, but each man in its ranks is left to enjoy his own opinion upon this, as well as other kindred subjects. Not so however with the Fusion party. Its members stand solemnly pledged, to vote for no man who is not in favor of a prohibitory law, and their dishonesty and inconsistency lies in the fact they are now willing to break that pledge for the sake of the spoils of office.

To the Democrats of Portage County.

In six days from this date, the Democrats of Ohio, will be called upon to discharge the most important duty of citizenship. The principles of the several officers to be elected will determine the character of the administration of State and County affairs. Is every Democrat awake to the importance of his duty upon that day? Has he done, and is he doing all that lies in his power to secure the success of the Democratic ticket!

Our opponents are using every means, both fair and foul, to carry the election against us. They are not open and manly in the contest, but dishonest and secret in their work. By the circulation of false statements about our candidates, by the use of means which they dare not make public, they hope to poison the public mind, and thereby be successful in carrying out their corrupt purposes.

Let Democrats be on their guard. Be vigilant, industrious, and earnest in your labors for success. Let every man be at the polls at an early hour, and after depositing his own vote, let him see that every other Democrat in the township does the same. Such a course will insure the triumphant election of our ticket. Our principles are right—our cause is a good one—and the victory will be ours on the second Tuesday of October.

BEAR IN MIND,

That the Portage County Branch Bank of Ohio, and the Life Insurance and Trust Company are now indebted to Portage county for State and county taxes, EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS, which they refuse to pay, and that the Fusionists are in favor of exempting them from the payment of this tax which is justly due.

BEAR IN MIND,

That LYMAN W. HALL, while Editor of the Ohio Star, and JOHN S. HERRICK while Editor of the Portage County Whig, both declared themselves opposed to the law which taxes Banks and that they are still opposed to equal taxation.

BEAR IN MIND,

That if the Banks were compelled to "fork over" this amount of EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS which has been levied against them, and which they refuse to pay, the taxes which are levied upon the unprivileged people would be lessened to a corresponding amount!

BEAR IN MIND,

That Mr. LEITER is opposed to religious toleration—opposed to the right of the people to govern themselves—opposed to equal taxation and equal laws—in favor of sectional parties, and by building up these, would overthrow the government.

BEAR IN MIND,

That Mr. SPALDING is in favor of religious toleration—in favor of the right of the people to govern themselves—in favor of using all constitutional means to prevent slavery from going into territories now free—in favor of equal taxation and equal privileges—in favor of granting homes to actual settlers—in favor of preserving the constitution and the Union, and that if elected to Congress he will use all his influence to promote these great ends of our government.

Dare not Answer.

Week before last, we, in our paper requested JOHN S. HERRICK one of the Fusion Editors of this town, to state whether or not, he was in favor of the Whig Baltimore platform of 1852. We expected that he would have candor enough to answer us, but in this we were mistaken. He dare not say a word. He has sold himself and his principles over to HALL & WADSWORTH, and is now their chattel. They own him; he is their tool, and what right has he to speak!

The Whig Baltimore platform are as wide a part as the poles. Yet HALL & HERRICK the advocates of these respective platforms, are now members of the same firm. There has been a total sacrifice of principle on one side or the other. Which is it? They dare not tell us. Why don't you speak gentlemen! Are you afraid!

Still Harping on my Daughter.

Mr. HALL has gone into another fit about the "Barnyard."

## The Fusionists the Advocates of Religious Persecution.

"Remember that the issue in this Congressional district is Slavery and Popery against Freedom and Protestantism.—Portage Democrat.

"THE BITTER SECTARIANISM AND INTERNAL INTOLERANCE OF THE CATHOLICS MUST BE PUT DOWN."—Portage County Dem.

There you are; you have shown your hand now, Mr. HALL and you may retire. So it seems you are in favor of religious persecution. "The Catholics must be put down!"

We had always supposed that this was a land of religious freedom, but it has been reserved for the mighty genius of LYMAN W. HALL to discover that it is a land of religious despotism!

It is reserved for the Fusion party to make use of the rights of conscience! They are unwilling that a man should worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. And this is the "God and Liberty party"—the party which holds itself to be pure while all other men are corrupt. If religious persecution is their watchword as they have now proclaimed it to be, the people may be thankful, that the Fusionists are not in power.

Religious freedom is a sacred right of the American people.

The Democratic party have ever advocated this right. A man may be a Catholic or a Protestant, and still enjoy the privileges of a citizen. Religion is a matter between a man and his God; and we are sorry that a man of the intelligence and pretended honesty of LYMAN W. HALL should be the first to advocate a persecution against our fellow citizens on account of their religious views.

We do not defend any religious creed. As a politician we shall never take sides upon this question. We are in favor of religious freedom, and ever shall be, so long as we prefer republicanism to despotism!

We cannot close this article more appropriately, than by quoting an extract from the writings of GEORGE WASHINGTON. We commend them to the candid consideration of the public:

"The Irish volunteers merit the warmest thanks of America for their patriotism; and I hope that their countrymen who have long struggled for liberty, will be hospitably and cordially received here."

Again on another occasion he used the following patriotic language:

"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of ALL NATIONS AND OF ALL RELIGIONS, whom we shall welcome to a participation in all our rights and privileges."

Falsehoods Contradicted.

The Democrat of this week charges that there is an agreement between Mr. Loomis and Mr. Harris, whereby the latter is to be appointed Deputy in case Loomis is elected. That assertion is unqualifiedly false—a lie made out of whole cloth. No such agreement was ever made between Messrs. Loomis and Harris. Such a thing was never thought of by them.

The Democrat charges that Mr. Loomis and his friends, are proposing to swap votes for any man on the Fusion Ticket, to secure votes for himself. That is another lie. Democrats never buy or sell their principles or votes. They leave bargains and sales to be made by the fusionists.

The Democrat makes similar charges against Messrs. Heyd and Hopkins. These charges are also false. Mr. Hall pays far more regard to the "spoils of office," than to words of "truth and soberness." No wonder he was "turned out" of church.

There are many other statements in the Democrat in regard to Messrs. Spalding, Clark, Loomis, Harris, Heyde, Hopkins and others, which are unfounded in fact, and unsustained by evidence. But we will not take the trouble to reply to them. The characters of these gentlemen are well known. They possess the confidence and respect of the people, and no lying slanders circulated by the Democrat or the Fusion party, can do them any injury.

Which Party is Sectional.

A few evenings since Mr. LEITER and O. P. BROWN labored a long time, to prove that Fusionists were national, and Democrats were sectional in their views.

But a short time ago, the New York Tribune and other leading fusion presses openly advocated the dissolution of the Union. Will O. P. BROWN or Mr. LEITER tell us whether this was a national movement!

Every Fusion party within our acquaintance has advocated a Union at the North, to make war on the South. Is this a national movement? Every article of theirs is full of denunciation against the South, and their whole aim is to prejudice the people here against their Southern brethren. Is this a national movement! No! Every act, every Convention, every meeting of the Fusion party, shows them to be sectional and narrow-minded in their principles and policy.

We have frequently asserted, and we again do it, that the Democratic party is and ever has been the national party of the country. The Democrats of Portage county are national in the principles which they advocate.

The following resolutions passed at our late county Convention, show where we stand upon this subject:

Resolved, That we regard the constitution of the United States as the safeguard of our liberties, and our greatest security for national prosperity and advancement, and we hold ourselves sacredly bound to respect and comply with its provisions at all times and under all circumstances.

Resolved, That we will stand by the Union; that we will resist all attempts to form parties based upon sectional views and bounded by geographical lines, as dangerous to the best interests of the people, and we believe that the only guarantee we have for the perpetuity of the Union, is in adhering to, and acting with the Democratic organization of the country.

Is there anything very sectional in these resolutions! The next time O. P. BROWN takes our paper as a text to preach from, we hope he will read them to his audience.—They are planks in the platform upon which the Democrats of Portage county stand.—How utterly absurd the attempt to prove that we are sectional in our views and doctrines.

It is said the broom "corn of Eastern Pennsylvania will be large this year."

## Democrats.

Shall Ohio be disgraced by the success of the Abolition Fusion Ticket!

Shall men whose only object is power and spoils, and who are willing to do any thing, dare any thing, and sacrifice every thing for the sake of success, be allowed to have charge of the interests of Portage County!

Shall the Fusionists who are in favor of EXEMPTING BANKS FROM TAXATION, and as a consequence in favor of increasing the taxes of the FARMER and MECHANIC, triumph over the Democrats who are in favor of EQUAL TAXATION!

Shall the Democratic banner be struck down by a sectional disunion party!

LET EVERY DEMOCRAT BE UP AND DOING.

Remember.

That one of the plans of the opposition to defeat our ticket, is by the circulation of lies and slanders upon the Democratic candidates. They have already commenced their work. Let no honest voter be gulled by this shameful system of Fusion electorizing.

## Don't Barter.

We understand, that our opponents, are offering to vote for the Democratic candidates, for a part of the offices, provided, Democrats will vote for the fusion candidates for the other part. Let there be no bargains and sales. No true hearted and independent Democrat, will sell his principles or his vote. The fusionists, by making such an offer, shows that the spoils of office, and not principle, is their object.

Our candidates are all good men. If Democrats are true to their principles, they will all be elected by a triumphant majority. We feel confident of success. From every part of the county, and district, we hear the most cheering news. Democrats are united in heart and hand. They will stand, and fight, and be victorious together!

## Beware of Fraudulent Tickets!

Read Before You Vote.

We caution the voters of this county to be cautious at the coming election, about their tickets, because we are satisfied that every means that trickery, deception and dishonesty can devise, will be resorted to by the Fusionists, to defeat the regular nominees of the Democratic party. Every species of ticket will be printed, and every means taken to deceive the voters of the county and defeat the popular will.

NOTE NO TICKET BEFORE YOU HAVE READ IT OVER CAREFULLY.

## Keep it before the People

HALF A MILLION OF THE STATE DEBT PAID WITHIN NINE MONTHS.

The tax payer should remember when he comes to vote, that within the last nine months over HALF A MILLION DOLLARS in Ohio State Stocks have been cancelled.—Thus is liquidated under a Democratic State Administration, a debt, the mere interest of which, was costing the people of Ohio more than THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

## Friends, Turn out! Turn out!!

And don't fail to see your honest but careless and lukewarm friends and neighbors, and have them go to the polls with you.—WORK WITH THE INDIFFERENT, AND DON'T FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE VOTE.

ONE VOTE MAY DECIDE THE CONTEST. Let every Democratic vote be brought to the polls. ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE! and remember that "VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY."

## Spalding and Catholicism.

The Democrat continues to circulate the charge that Mr. SPALDING is palming himself off as a Catholic. Such a lying slander needs no contradiction in this county. Mr. SPALDING is well known here. He is in favor of Religious freedom whether it be Catholicism or Protestantism. He panders to no religious sect—he is pledged to no religious creed, so far as his political action is concerned.

The course pursued by the Democrat towards Mr. SPALDING upon this subject is unfair and dishonorable.

## John H. Kilpatrick and the Transcript.

We are surprised to see the Canton Transcript come out in favor of Mr. LEITER and against Mr. SPALDING. Mr. KILPATRICK attended the Democratic Convention at Alliance, and while there labored hard, to procure the nomination of a certain gentleman of Stark county, and assigned as a reason for it, that he wanted to beat LEITER. He also stated in substance that he regarded Mr. LEITER as a corrupt, bad man—a demagogue, and a man unworthy of public confidence.—He now turns around and defends this same "corrupt" man LEITER. We cannot account for such conduct. We had before supposed him to be an honest man. Some say, that LEITER has bought him up by taking one hundred copies of his paper. We can hardly believe this, but if it is true he has certainly sold himself to the highest bidder, for no Democrat would give any thing for him or the influence of his paper, after such an utter disregard of good faith and moral principle.

## Double—Dealing.

Mr. LEITER takes a different position upon the Nebraska question in nearly every speech he makes.

At Rootstown, he labored hard to convince the people, that slavery, never would go into the territories, of Nebraska and Kansas; at Ravenna, he labored fully as long and earnestly, to prove that slavery would be established in these territories.

What a pity, HALL & Co., failed to give him instruction, before he went to Rootstown. It would have saved him, one political Somerset at least.

## Letter of the Platform.

Mr. LEITER in his speech at Aurora, a few evenings since, distinctly declared himself to be "opposed to the restoration of the Missouri Compromise." What do our Fusion brothers think of that! They ought to get their candidate, on to the platform, before they send him, around the county, to defend it.

## LEITER AGAINST THE WHIGS.

Two or three weeks since, we published a statement of Mr. LEITER, wherein he called on the Fusion Congressional Convention at Ravenna, "a d—d Whig concern" and said he would have nothing to do with it. This Alliance Ledger and Mongrel Democrat, both contradicted our assertion. We are able this week to furnish our readers with the proof, and such proof too, as will not be doubted. The following certificate is signed by four of the most respectable and influential citizens of Stark county.

The undersigned citizens of Canton, hereby certify, that they heard Benjamin F. Leiter acknowledge, that on the day of the Fusion Convention in Ravenna, he did say to H. P. Dunbar, "Don't you think, they will fill the vacant Delegations of Lake, Plain and Jackson, in our county, with Whigs; and that the Convention looked to him (Leiter) like a damned Whig concern, and that he would withdraw his name before a ballot was had, and that he would have nothing to do with it."

J. OLDFIELD.  
R. H. MCALL.  
PETER DESHONG.  
G. S. BEATTY, (Fusion Whig.)

The above certificate would have appeared last week, but for the fact, that the friends of Mr. LEITER assumed that the editor of the Repository would make the correction in his last week's issue. These are the names of a few of the gentlemen who heard Mr. Leiter's acknowledgement of the facts contained in their certificate.

H. P. DUNBAR.

The above certificate shows in what manner Mr. LEITER regards these men who belong to the Whig party, or who entertain Whig sentiments; and yet he now expects to be elected in part by Whig votes.

Will Whigs vote for him! Will they sustain the man who denounces them! Are they ready to throw away all their former principles and use their influence for the election of a man who has fought against them all his life! Perhaps there may be some who will do it, but in our judgment many of them would far rather vote for a consistent man of any party, than for an inconsistent and corrupt demagogue, such as B. F. LEITER has shown himself to be.

"I am a Democrat."

"I am a Roman citizen," in the days of Rome's glory, was a passport throughout the world, for every man who could lay a just claim to that title. It was a boast of which every citizen of that empire might be proud. But the boast, "I am a Democrat" is one of which an American citizen may be equally proud.

No matter in what part of the Union he may be found, if he is a true and independent Democrat, he is at once recognized as the friend and advocate of equal laws, equal privileges and equal taxation; as a man who has confidence in the intelligence and patriotism of the American people, and their ability to govern themselves; as a man who "holds that the government should know no man in the enactment of laws"—that all "citizens whether native born or naturalized should enjoy equal privileges"—that our country should be the home of the oppressed and persecuted of other lands—that all men have a right to "worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience," and that each State has a right to determine its own local institutions.

With such principles engraven upon his heart, and carried out in his life and actions, he may well be proud of his position as a Democrat, and as the citizen of a republic where democratic principles bear sway.

## O. P. Brown and the Sentinel.

O. P. BROWN in his speech last Friday evening, spent nearly his whole time in ridiculing articles which appeared last week in the Sentinel, and in abusing us. No epithet seeming to be vile enough to satisfy his desire for slander. We certainly felt flattered, for there are some men whose abuse is an honor. We began to think that our humble paper was doing some good for Democracy. Mr. BROWN is certainly of the opinion that it is doing the Fusion cause injury, or he would not take so much pains to counteract its influence.

The most cowardly part of his speech, was that wherein he charged that the editorial of the Sentinel were written by somebody else, other than ourselves.

Now we wish it distinctly understood, that we are the sole conductors of this paper, and are willing to be held strictly responsible for every word and line which appears in its editorial columns. Whatever of merit or demerit belongs to it, is wholly chargeable to us. If therefore O. P. BROWN or any other man, finds anything displeasing in the Sentinel, let him come to us; if he can "prove us to be wrong, we will correct our error.—We are willing to defend the doctrines which we hold; we are capable of proving whatever we state as fact. We are desirous that our opponent should call our course in question, for it oftentimes furnishes an opportunity for introducing evidence which we were before diffident about doing.

We are comparative strangers here, and Mr. BROWN's design undoubtedly was, to crush us, or at least cripple our influence before time was allowed us to establish a character for ourselves. This he cannot do. If we are rightly informed by the citizens of Ravenna, he has not sufficient weight of principle to injure any man. Demagoguism is plainly an element of his character, and he will be compelled to wipe out many inconsistencies in his past political conduct, before he can hope for influence in the community where he resides.

Mr. BROWN